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**MS PATENT APPLICATION**

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Transmitted herewith for filing is the patent application of

Inventor(s): TANAKA, Masakazu and HATTORI, Takayuki

For: FLAME-RETARDANT SEAMLESS BELT, METHOD OF MANUFACTURING  
FLAME-RETARDANT SEAMLESS BELT, AND IMAGE-FORMING APPARATUS  
HAVING FLAME-RETARDANT SEAMLESS BELT

Enclosed are:

- ☒ A specification consisting of Forty-five (45) pages
- ☒ Two (2) sheet(s) formal drawings
- ☐ Applicant claims small entity status under 37 C.F.R. § 1.27
- ☐ Applicant does not claim priority
- ☒ Applicant claims the right of priority under the provisions of 35 U.S.C. § 119 and 37 C.F.R. § 1.55(a) based on Application No(s). 2003-002456 filed in JAPAN on January 8, 2003.
  - ☒ Certified copy(ies) is(are) attached hereto.
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- ☒ Executed Declaration (☒ Original ☐ Photocopy)

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- ☒ An assignment of the invention
- ☐ Application Data Sheet in accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.76
- ☐ Preliminary Amendment
- ☒ Information Disclosure Statement, PTO-1449 and reference(s)
- ☐ Other:
- ☐ Applicant requests early publication - \$300.00 publication fee
- ☐ Non-publication Request and Certification under 35 U.S.C. § 122(b) (2) (B) (i)

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